GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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INSTALLATIONS OF PETROL PUMPS BY OIL COMPANIES
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have permitted and authorized the existing public sector companies and new private sector oil companies to install their petrol pumps at locations selected by themselves;

(b) if so, whether the four oil PSUs already retailing transportation fuels are also authorized to prepare their marketing strategies with a view to face the competition to private companies;

(c) if not, whether it would not give unnecessary advantage to the private oil companies on the cost of the public sector companies; and

(d) if so, the corrective steps the Government propose to take in this regard?

Answer

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PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a) to (d) : After the dismantling of Adminidtered Pricing Mechanism (APM) with effect from1st April, 2002, Government have permitted two private companies to set up their own Retail Outlets for marketing the transportation fuels. In the deregulated scenario, Piblic Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) as well as private companies are free to set up Retail Outlets at the locations keeping in view their commercial considerations. However, to maintain the availability of product in remote and low service areas, the monitoring of setting up of Retail Outlets by these companies is required by the Government or the proposed Petroleum Regulatory Board.